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Peacock

You will need

- Thin card
- Silver paper
- Coloured metallic or shiny paper
- Glue
- Material for decoration: paper, pearls, sequins, etc.
- Stiff card for the background

Instructions

- Cut out the shape of the body in the thin card.
- Make the head and body (Fig. 1) out of silver paper which you have crumpled up tightly.
- Glue the silver paper on to the body shape.
- Make the legs and beak from more crumpled silver paper.
- Cut out the silver feathers from smooth silver paper and then the long feathers, using coloured metallic or shiny paper. (See Figs. 3 and 4)
- Glue the long feathers to the stiff background card alongside each other in a cartwheel shape.
- Decorate the feathers with circles of paper (or blobs of paint) and little sequins.
- Glue on the silver feathers in the centre of the cartwheel, then the legs, then the body of the peacock.
- Cut the crest (Fig. 2) from silver paper and stick it above the peacock's head.
- Glue on the beak and mark in the eyes.

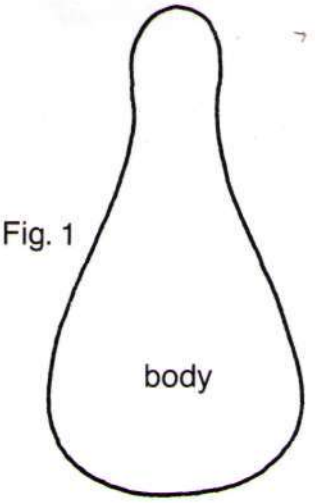

Fig. 1

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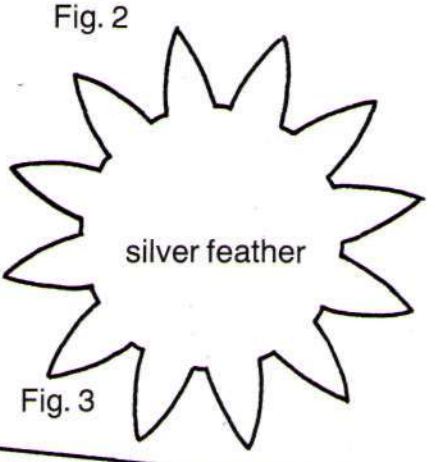

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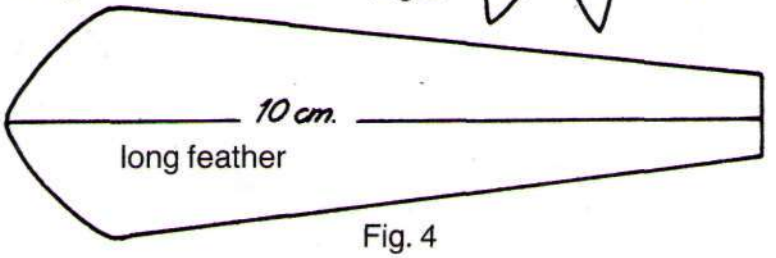


Fig. 4

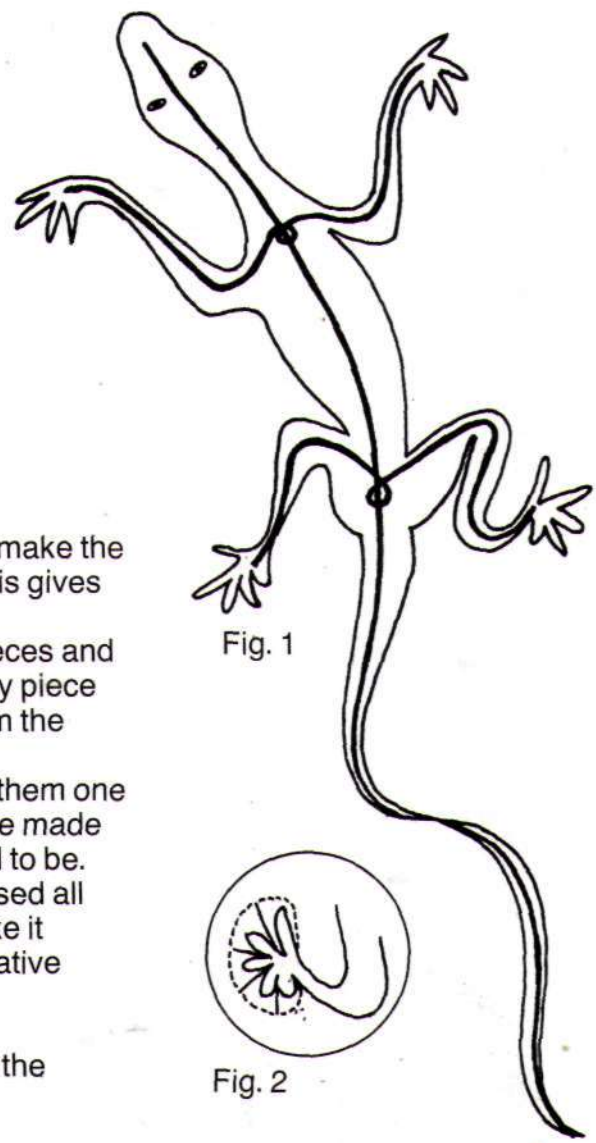
Lizard

You will need

- Wire:
  for the body and tail: 20 cm (8 in)
  for the front legs: 10 cm (4 in)
  for the back legs: 13 cm (5 in)
- Silver paper
- Copper wire, or wool or raffia

Instructions

- Following the diagram on the right (Fig. 1), make the curvy line with the longest piece of wire. This gives the basic movement to the lizard.
- Mark the centre of each of the other two pieces and wrap them each once around the long curvy piece of wire as shown in the diagram. Make them the shape you want for the outline of the legs.
- Cut out thin strips of silver paper and wrap them one or more times around the skeleton you have made depending on how thick you want the lizard to be.
- Wool or raffia or the copper wire criss-crossed all over the lizard except for the head, will make it stronger and finish it off nicely with a decorative touch.
- The eyes can be two black spots.
- Fig. 2 shows how to cut the silver paper for the 'toes'.



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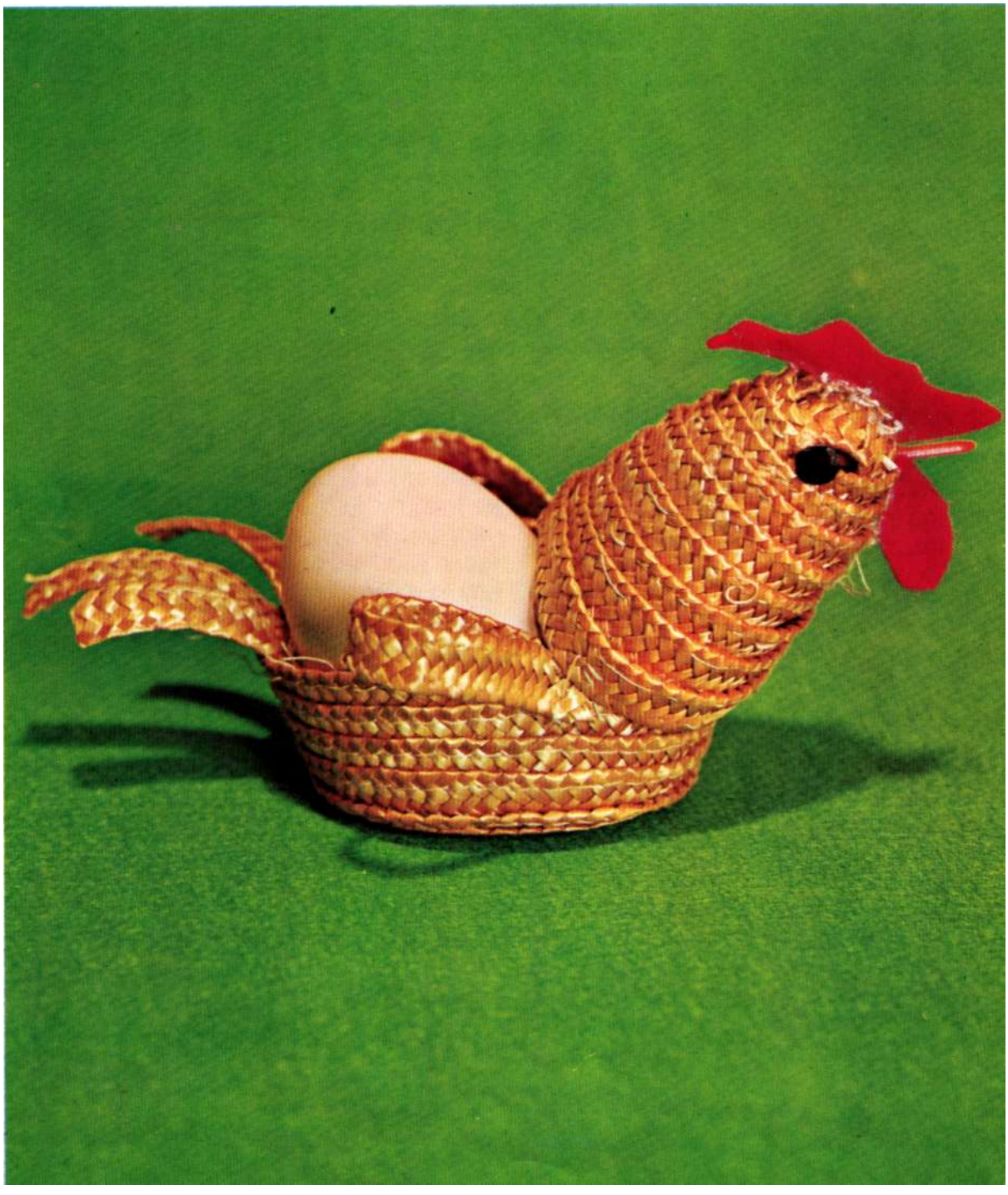
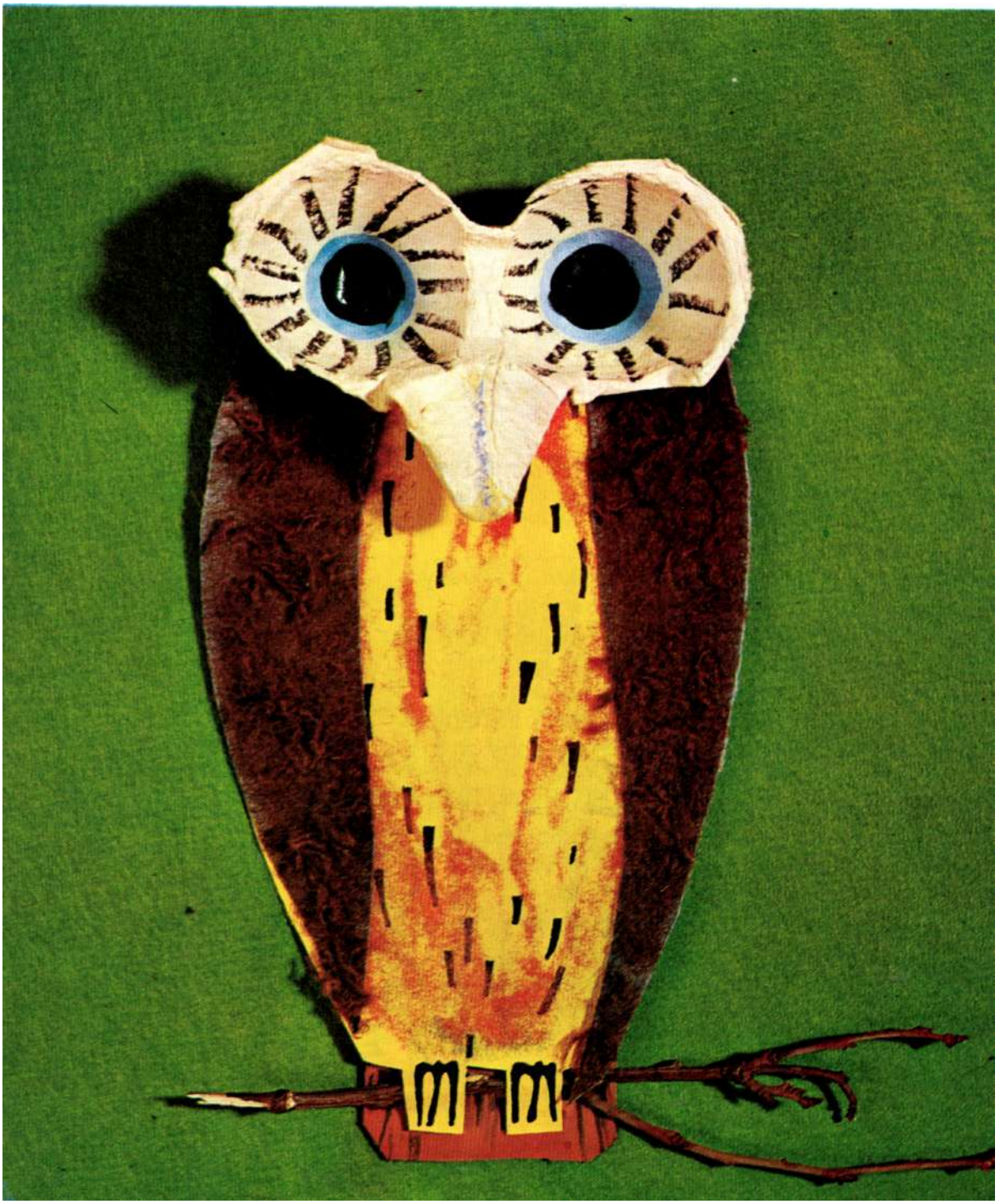




Hen egg-cup

You will need

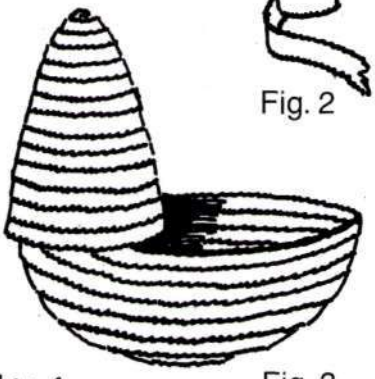
- Plaited straw
- Red felt or paper for the crest and crop
- Black felt or paper for the eyes
- Needle and thread
- Part of a match stick or coloured toothpick for the beak

Fig. 1

Instructions

- The hen consists of two parts: a basket and a cone which when sewn together can hold an egg.
- For the basket, sew the plaited straw flat, making an oval base of about 6 cm ($2\frac{1}{2}$ in).
- Then build up the edges of the basket, gradually making it a wider shape as you sew (Fig. 1).
- For the cone, begin at the top by making a tight little roll of the plaited straw as shown in Fig. 2, then wrap the straw around making it gradually wider and wider. As you sew, the joins will keep the shape in place. Finish at the bottom and fit the cone on to the basket, (Fig. 3).
- Add folded pieces of plaited straw at the bottom of the cone to make the wings. (See coloured picture).
- The tail is made of three little pieces of plaited straw sewn on to the basket. (Fig. 4).
- Make the eyes out of a little circle of felt or black paper.
- Cut out the crest and the crop, and sew in position, (Fig. 4). Stick the beak through the straw.

Fig. 2



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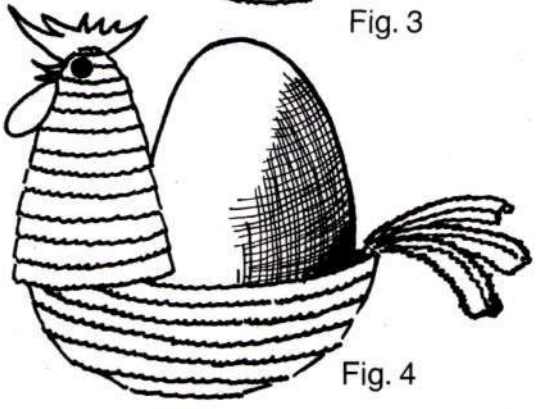


Fig. 4

Tawny Owl

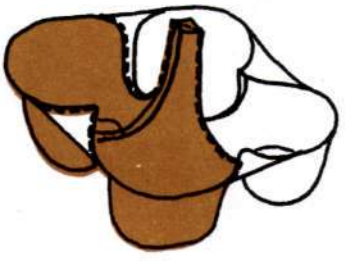


Fig. 3

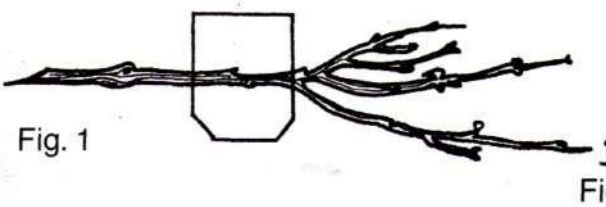
You will need

- An empty egg box
- Paper and scraps of material
- A twig
- Paints and a felt tipped pen
- Glue
- Card or paper for the background

Instructions

- Cut out a rectangle 6 cm × 4 cm ($2\frac{1}{2}$ in × $1\frac{1}{2}$ in) in paper or material to make the tail. Cut off two angles at the corners and glue it to the bottom of the sheet of card.
- Glue on the twig, 1·5 cm ($\frac{1}{2}$ in) from the bottom of the tail. (Fig. 1). as shown in the coloured picture.
- Cut out and glue on the two feet as shown in Fig. 2.
- Take the egg box and cut out two of the egg 'sockets' with the sticking-out piece that joins them together. (Fig. 3).
- Cut two vertical slits in the sticking-out piece and fold back to make the beak.
- Draw stripes with paints or a black felt pen in each socket.
- Put a blob of paint or a paper circle at the bottom of each socket.
- Glue on the 'eyes' you have made at the top of the body.

The body and wings can be painted or cut out in thick cloth or covered with different things, for example bits of wool cut into little pieces and glued into position.



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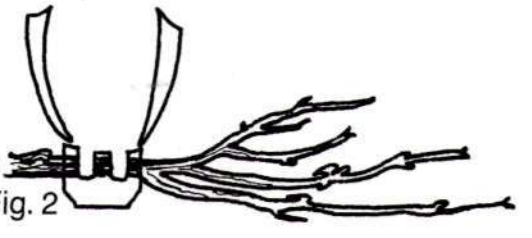

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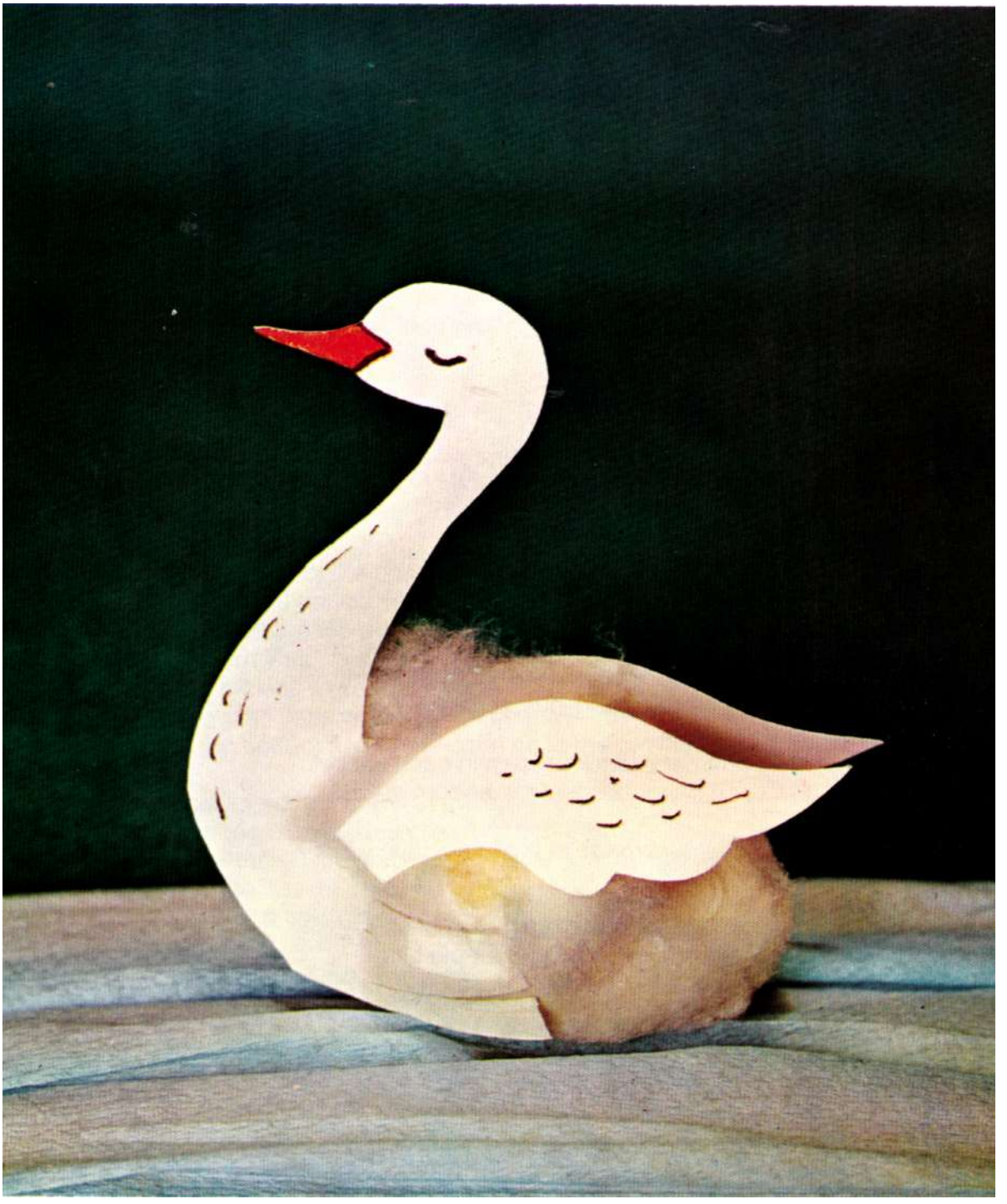


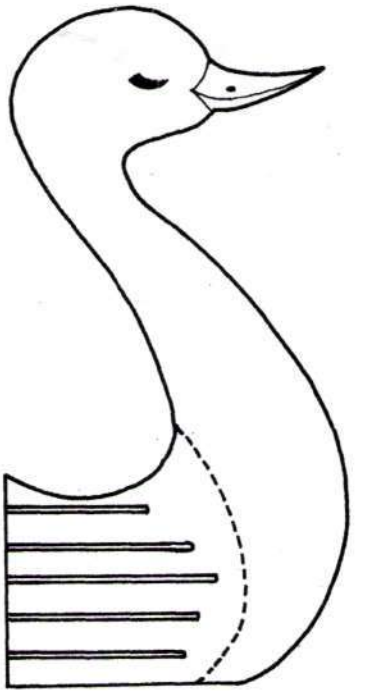
Swan

You will need

- Bristol board or strong white paper
- A ping-pong ball
- A rectangle of blue crêpe paper (or any other colour)
- A little cotton wool
- Glue
- Red and black paints or felt pens
- A piece of cardboard

Instructions

- Cut out the shape (Fig. 1) twice and stick the head and neck parts of the two pieces together as far as the dotted line.
- Leave to dry and then with paints or a felt pen add the beak, eye and feathers.
- Open out the sides which are not glued together.
- Put the ping-pong ball between the sides and glue in position.
- Cover the ball and the bottom of the neck (as far as the dotted line) with cotton wool as shown in Fig. 2.
- Cut out the wings (Fig. 3), indicate the feathers with a felt pen or paint. Glue the wings on both sides of the body.
- Pleat the blue crepe paper lightly and stick it to the cardboard, to make the water of the lake on which the swan is swimming.



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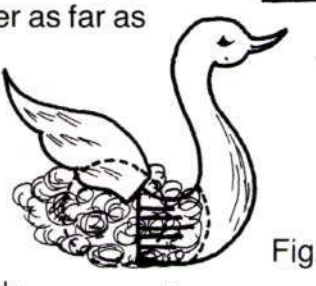

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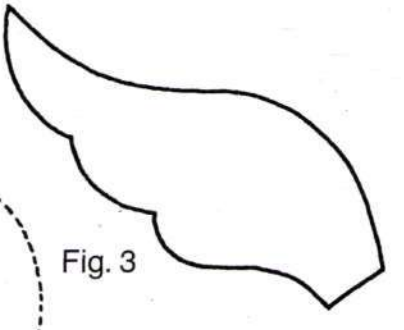


Fig. 3

Goldfish

You will need

- Lid of a round transparent plastic box for the bowl
- Shiny paper or cellophane for the fish
- Paper and paint to make the sea weed, (or dried sea weed)
- Blue paint or paper for the background
- Glue
- Card for the background

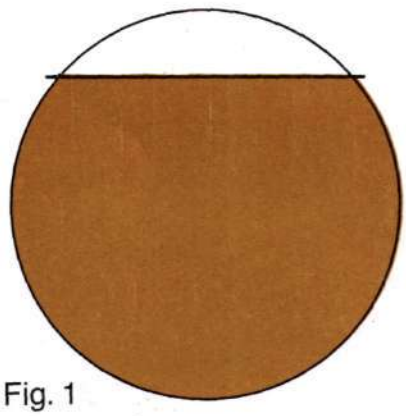


Fig. 1

Instructions

- Place the lid on the background card.
- Draw the outline in pencil.
- Draw a line across to show the level of water contained in the bowl (Fig. 1).
- Paint on the water or glue on the blue paper (the coloured picture will help you) and let it dry.
- Cut out the fish, decorate it and glue in position on the background.
- Cut out and paint the sea weed, or use dried sea weed, and glue it to the background.
- To make the bowl, cut off the top section of the lid higher than the water level (Fig. 2), and glue the large part of the lid over the water background and fish.
- The section you have cut off can be glued on below to make the base of the bowl.

Instead of the lid, you can use any transparent material.

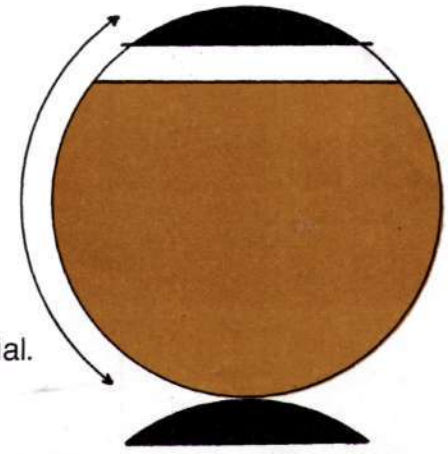


Fig. 2

Baby Birds

You will need

- Felt or coloured paper for the birds, the leaves and the branch
- If you have any pieces of bark, use them for the branch
- Twigs, bits of cotton wool, raffia, etc. for the nest
- Glue
- Card for the background

Fig. 1

Instructions

- Glue a fork-shaped branch on to the background card as shown in the coloured picture. Use bark, if you have it or cut out coloured paper or felt.
- For the nest, cut out a shape like that in Fig. 2.
- On the lower part, glue on the little twigs, one by one, following the curved edge of the nest shown by the dotted lines in Fig. 2. The coloured picture will help you.
- Two baby birds made of felt are being fed by their mother. Glue these inside the nest, as shown in the picture.
- The mother bird is made separately in paper or felt and then glued on to the edge of the nest. Fig. 1 will help you with the shape.
- A few leaves cut out of felt and glued on the branch will give a nice finishing touch.

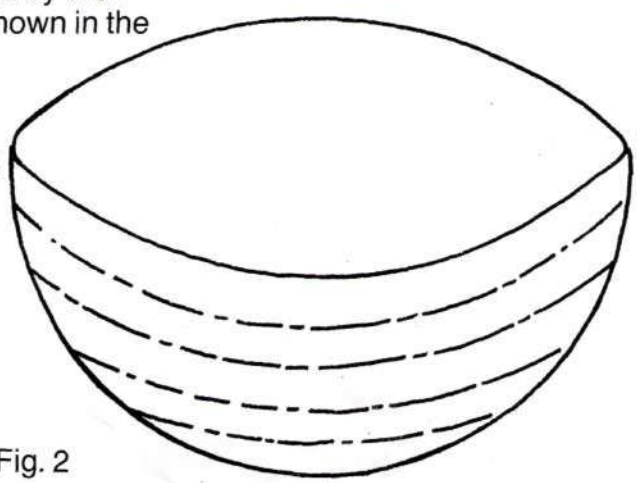


Fig. 2

Squirrel

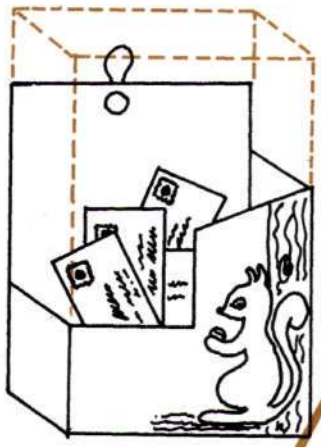


Fig. 2

Fig. 1

You will need

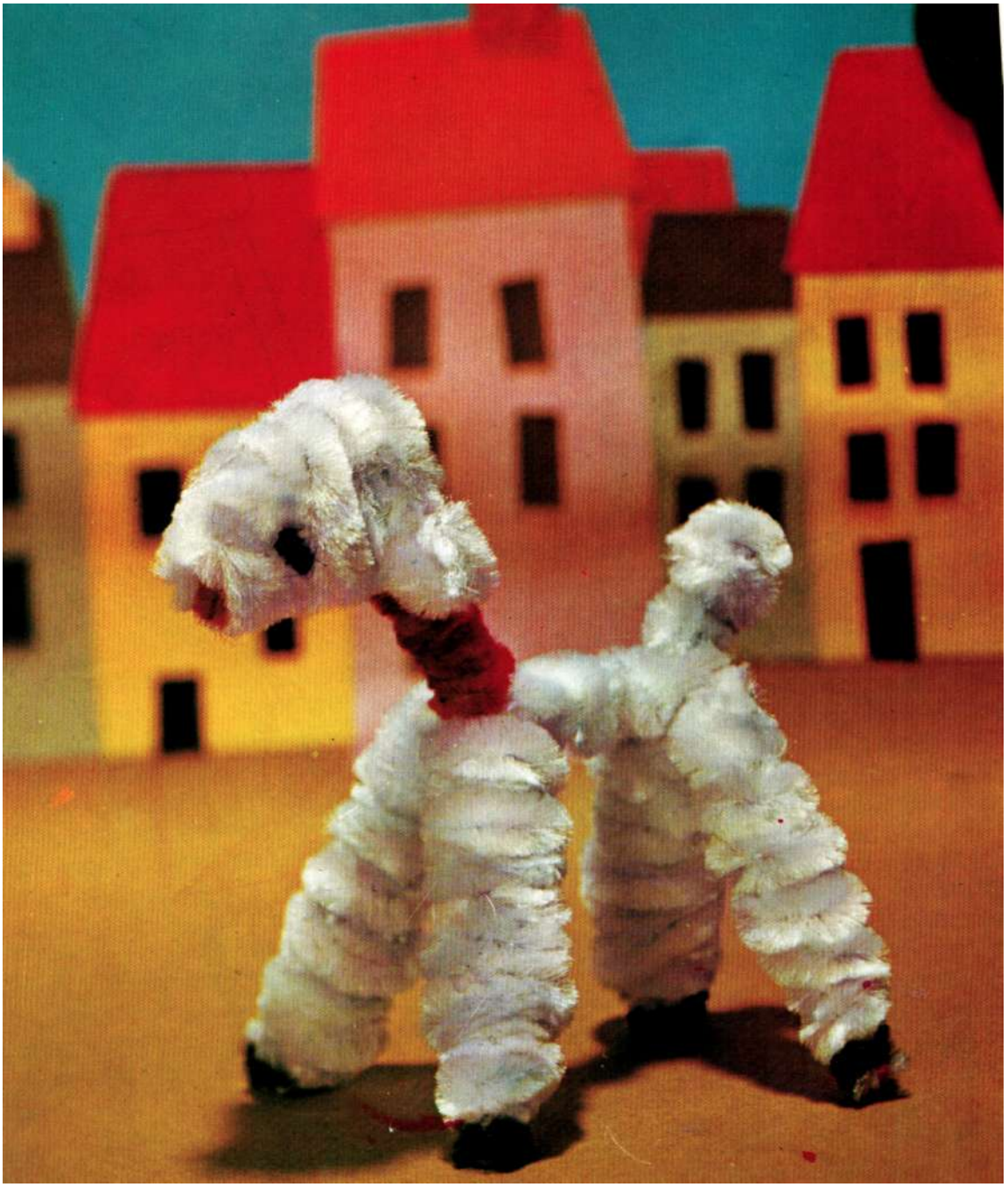
- A small piece of fabric or real fur
- Some pieces of torn-up coloured paper
- Glue
- A nut, almond or little pine cone
- Card for background

Instructions

- Trace off a pattern from the coloured outline (Fig. 1) and cut it out in the fur.
- Glue on the eye which is made of small pieces of black and white paper.
- Glue the squirrel on to a background decorated with torn-up pieces of coloured paper as shown in the coloured picture.
- Glue on the nut in the squirrel's paw.

This little animal can decorate a panel or a letter box.

- Take a cardboard box (an empty washing-powder packet, for example) and cut it to the shape shown by the black lines in Fig. 2. The coloured dotted lines indicate the *original* shape of the box.
- Paint the box or cover it with paper, and then stick on the squirrel.
- If you fasten on a clip and a loop of cord, you will be able to hang the box.



Grey Donkey

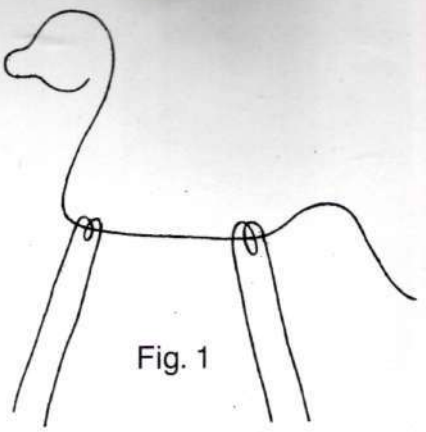


Fig. 1

You will need

- Wire
- Grey, pink and black velvet or thick wool
- A little piece of felt

Instructions

- Make a skeleton of the little donkey in wire following the proportions on the pattern (Fig. 1).
- With a single length of wire, make the head, the neck, the body and the tail.
- Make the legs with two other lengths which are wound once around the body. Make sure they are the same length.
- Make the ears with a short length of wire which is also twisted around once, but this time around the head. Wind pink velvet or wool around them.
- Wind the velvet or wool around the skeleton, beginning with the nose which is pink, then the rest of the body and the legs which are in grey. (See Fig. 2). To make the body larger, wind the covering around two or three times.
- The mane is in black and the ends are tucked under the grey covering.
- The blanket, which is made of the little piece of felt, can be stapled or sewn under the body. (Fig. 3).
- The eyes are made of two scraps of black velvet or wool.

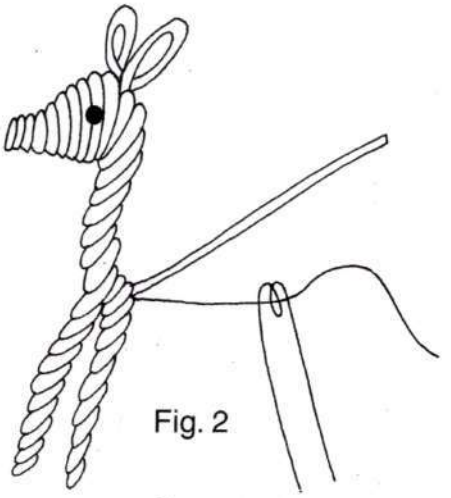


Fig. 2

This little donkey can be made with 'chenille' velvet which can be obtained already stiffened with wire.

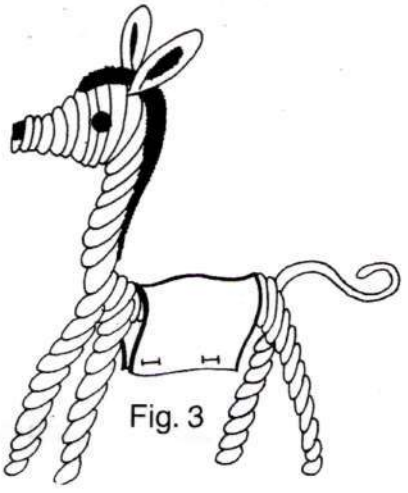


Fig. 3

Poodle

Fig. 1

You will need

- White pipe-cleaners
- Ribbon or a red pipe-cleaner
- A black felt pen

Fig. 2

Instructions

This little dog is made like the donkey.

- Make the general shape with pipe-cleaners following Figs. 1 and 2.
- The head and body are made out of one piece of cleaner; the legs of two others (Fig. 2).
- Then, on this skeleton, wind pipe-cleaners around the legs and the head (Fig. 3).
- Two little pieces tucked into the twists make the ears.
- The eyes are two black spots made with a felt pen. You can also use the pen to colour the paws, and nose.
- Finish off by making a collar of ribbon or red pipe-cleaner.

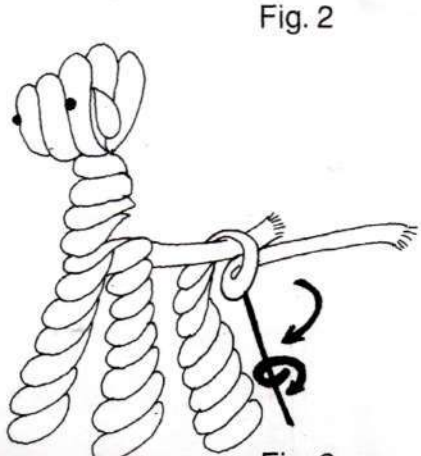


Fig. 3

Butterflies

You will need

- Coloured cellophane for the wings
- Black paper for the body
- Coloured paper for the decorations
- Glue

Instructions

- Cut out wings in cellophane and bodies in black paper following the shapes in Figs. 1 and 2.
- Glue the edge of the wings on to the bodies as shown in the diagrams.
- Decorate the wings and body with paper cut-outs.

The butterflies are very decorative.
They can fly anywhere, on windows, on lamps.
They can also be hung on a thread attached to the body. If you do this, the body should be cut from really strong paper.

Fig. 1

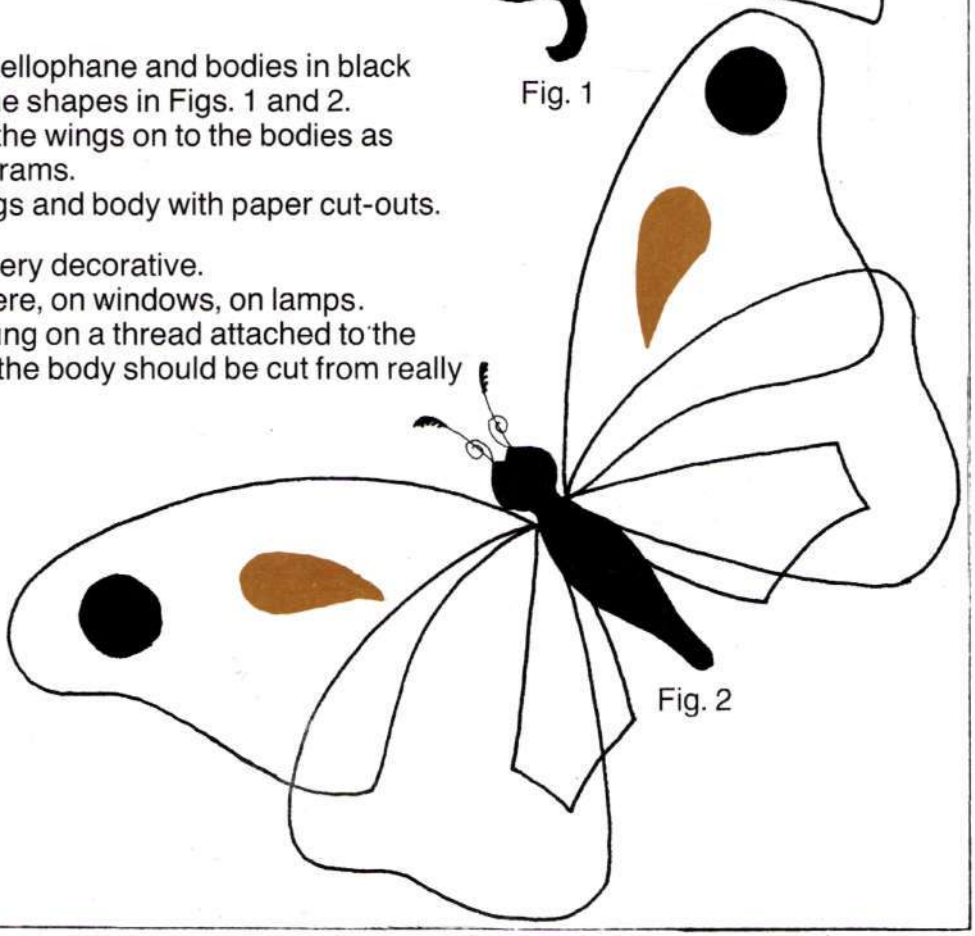


Fig. 2

Dragonfly

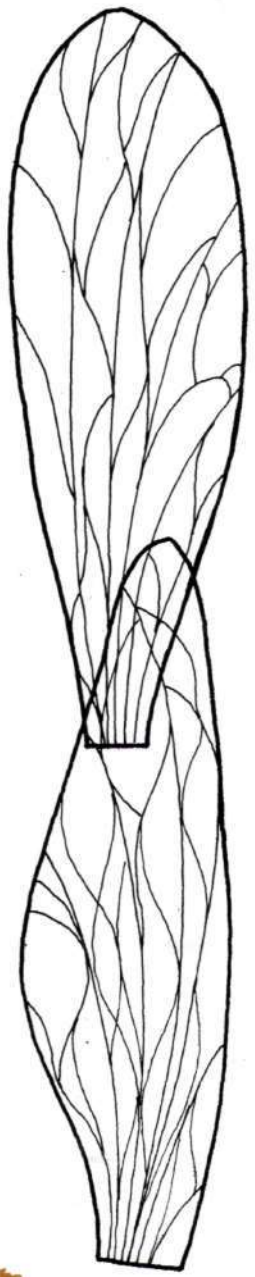


Fig. 1

You will need

- Tracing paper or any very light transparent paper
- A pipe-cleaner
- Two pins for the head
- Glue
- A fine felt pen

Instructions

- Bend the pipe-cleaner as shown in Fig. 2 and wind round the shape to make the body.
- Cut out four wings in the paper following the shapes in Fig. 1.
- With a very fine felt pen, draw veins on the wings.
- Glue the wings on to the pipe-cleaner as shown in the coloured picture.
- Stick two pins in the head to make the antennae.
- Colour the body with the felt pen.

If you throw the dragonfly gently, it will float.
But you can also glue it on to a sheet of card and paint clouds on the background.

Fig. 2

dragonfly's body

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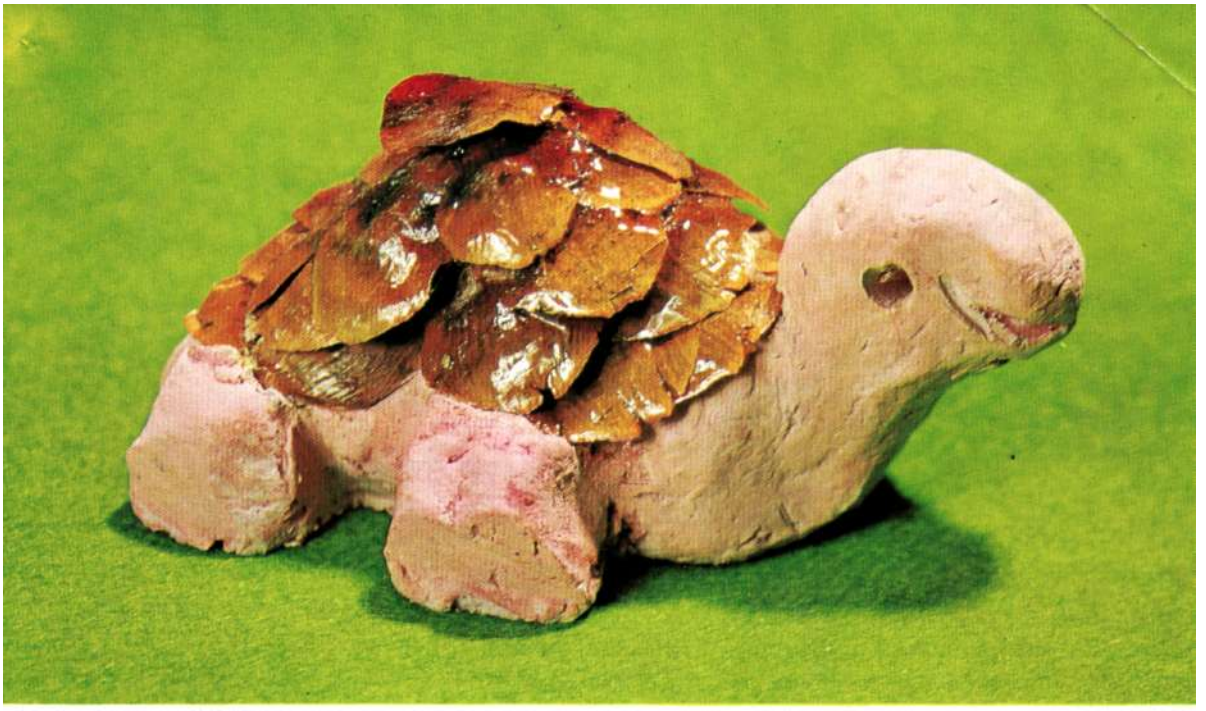


Puppy

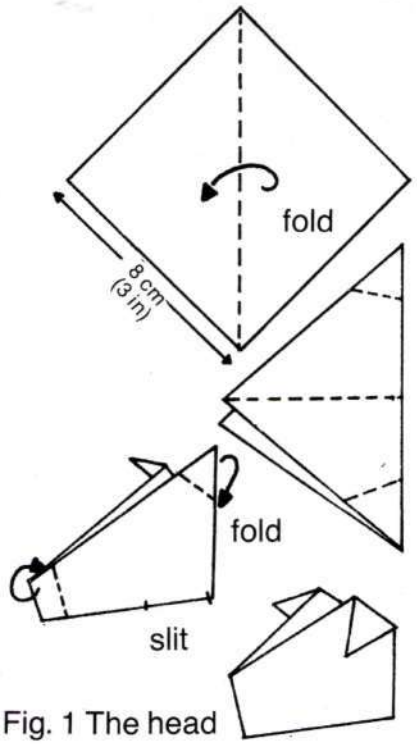
You will need

- Two squares of black paper 8 cm × 8 cm (3 in × 3 in)
- A little red paper for the collar and the nose
- A circle of white paper for the eye
- Glue

Instructions

- Make the head and the body separately by following the two patterns (Figs. 1 and 2).
- For the body, cut out the black part (Fig. 2) to make the legs. Fold the tail back gently along the small dotted line.
- Then make a little slit in the fold of the head (see Fig. 1) to put the body in.
- Finish off by gluing on the eye, the nose and the collar.

The little dog will sit up if you spread his legs a little apart. But you can also stick him on to a sheet of paper and draw and paint his kennel, as in the coloured picture.



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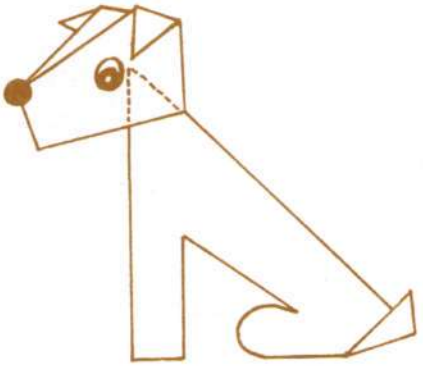


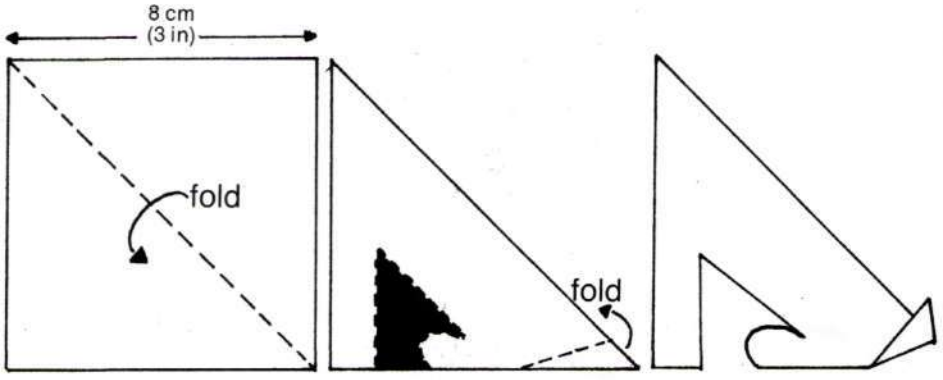


Fig. 2 The body

Tortoise

You will need

- A ball of modelling clay or Plasticine
- One or two pine cones
- Cardboard and paper, cloth or paint for a base
- Glue

Instructions

- Make a ball of clay and flatten it on one side. Fig. 1 will help you.
- Take the 'leaves' off the pine cones and trim them if necessary.
- Starting at the top, place them round in circles (as in Fig. 1) pushing them gently into the clay.
- To make the legs, four little balls of clay can be shaped and placed under the shell.
- Another lump of clay will make the head.
- Glue the tortoise on to a cardboard square, painted or covered with paper or cloth.

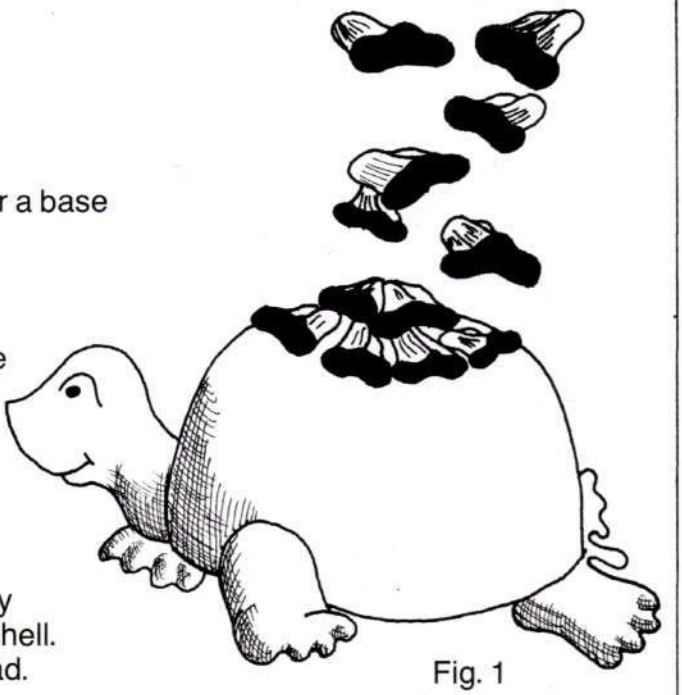


Fig. 1

Mouse

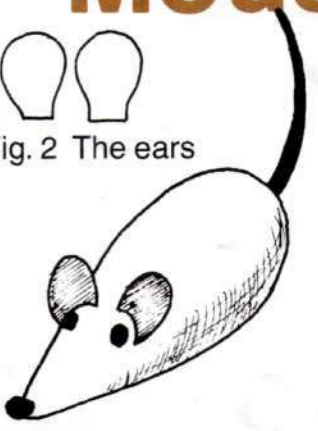
You will need

- A pumice stone for the body
- Plastic or washable cloth or sponge for the ears and the tail
- A little black circle of felt for the nose
- Pieces of wire for the whiskers
- Glue
- A black felt pen

Fig. 2 The ears

Instructions

- Cut out and glue on the ears. (see Fig. 2).
- With a pointed object, make a little hole in the pumice stone into which you can fit the tail. (Put a spot of glue in the hole first.)
- Glue on the whiskers and the nose.
- Add two little black spots with the felt pen for the eyes.



Hen

You will need

- Small feathers
- Red paper (for the crest and crop)
- Black paper (for the eye and legs)
- Glue
- A piece of strong paper, wood or other material for the background
- Straw or spaghetti for the fence.

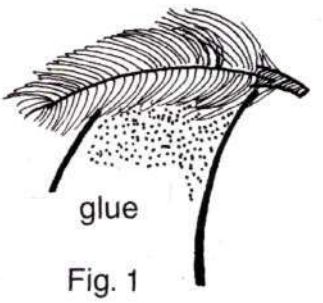


Fig. 1

Instructions

- Draw the hen shape (Fig. 2) on the background paper.
- Glue a small feather on the top of the head, as shown in Fig. 1.
- Then glue on the feathers one by one inside the outline of the body.
- Finish with the wing where the feathers overlap so that they stick out. (See coloured picture).
- Cut out the crest, the crop and the eye in paper, following the shapes in Fig. 3.
- Cut out little legs in paper or draw them with a felt pen.
- Make the fence with pieces of straw or spaghetti and glue to the background.

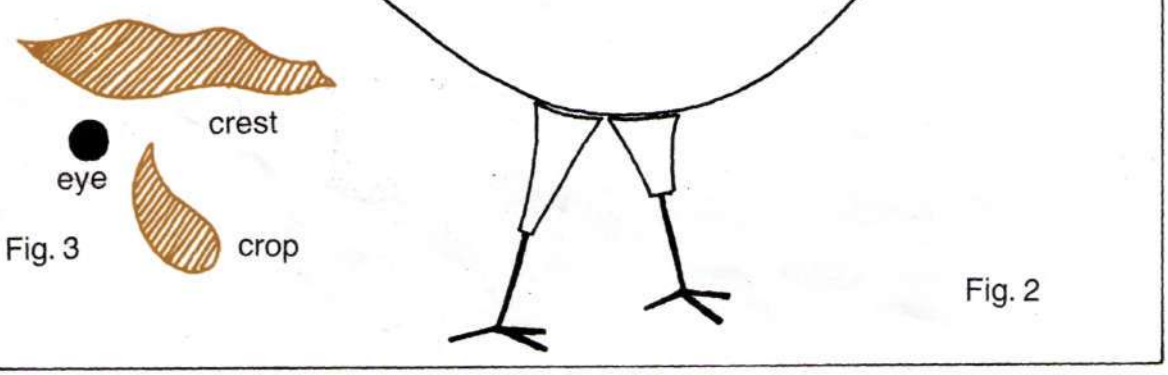
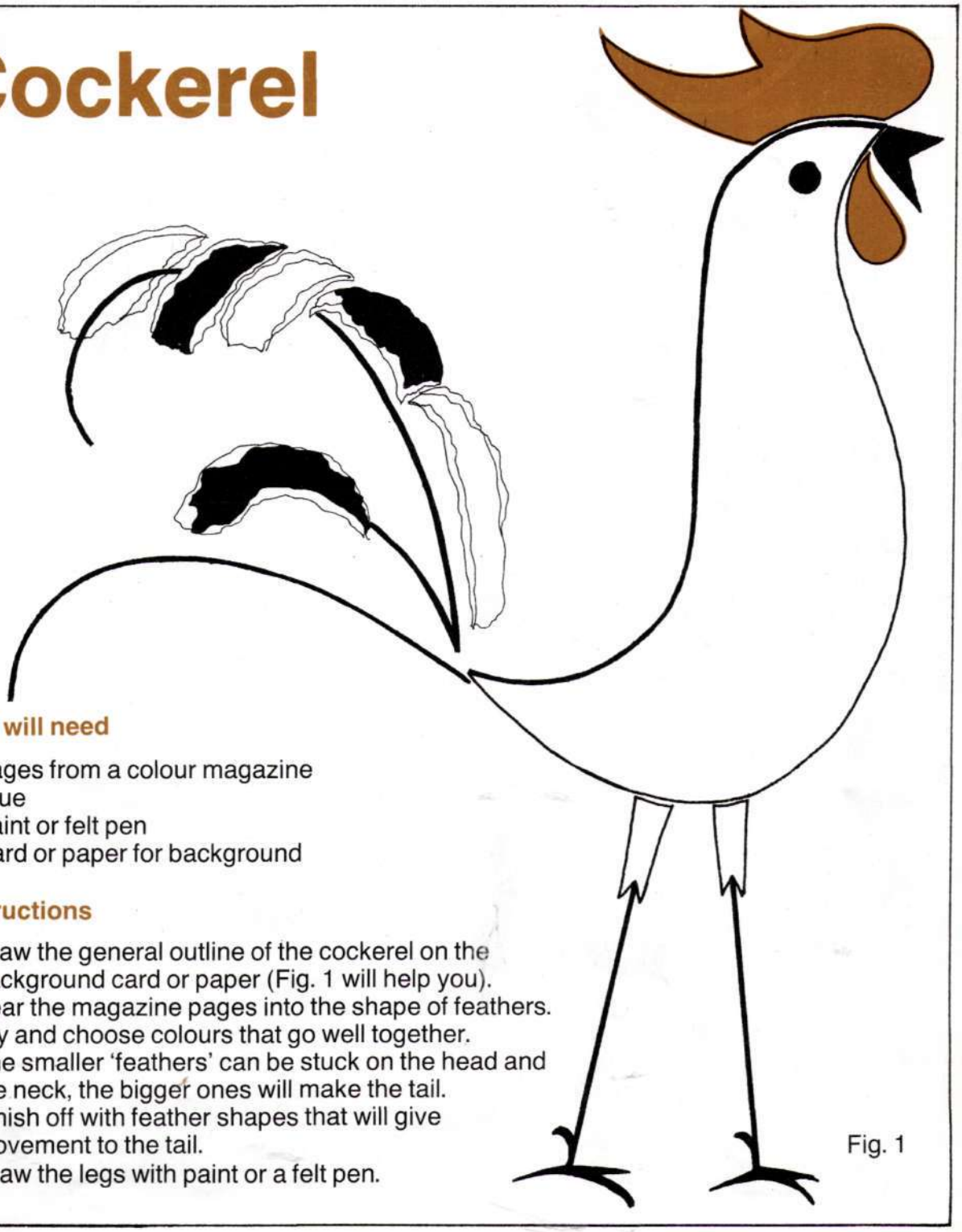


Fig. 2

Fig. 3

Cockerel



You will need

- Pages from a colour magazine
- Glue
- Paint or felt pen
- Card or paper for background

Instructions

- Draw the general outline of the cockerel on the background card or paper (Fig. 1 will help you).
- Tear the magazine pages into the shape of feathers. Try and choose colours that go well together.
- The smaller 'feathers' can be stuck on the head and the neck, the bigger ones will make the tail.
- Finish off with feather shapes that will give movement to the tail.
- Draw the legs with paint or a felt pen.

Fig. 1

Bee

You will need

- Small empty cream pot or yogurt container
- Two matchboxes
- Adhesive paper or, preferably, adhesive cloth
- Thin ribbon, preferably gold, the kind used for tying up presents
- Coffee beans. Gold paper. Gold paint. Card. Glue

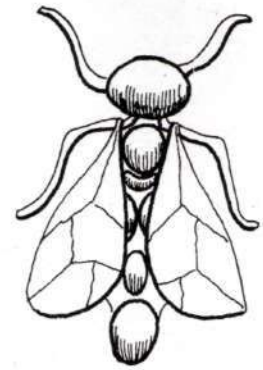


Fig. 1

Instructions

Cigarette Box

- Cover the cream pot or yogurt container with the adhesive paper. (Figs. 2 and 3).
- Glue the gold ribbon to the top and the bottom.

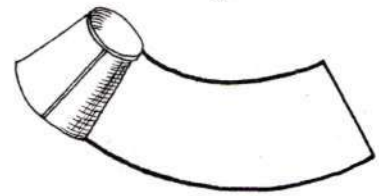


Fig. 2

Matchbox

- Glue the two boxes together, one next to the other leaving the 'drawers' free. Sandwich them between two pieces of card which have been covered with the adhesive paper (Fig. 4). Glue firmly.
- Stick a little piece of adhesive paper at the end of each matchbox drawer and also to hide the join between the two boxes as shown in the coloured picture.
- Inside each drawer, glue a little piece of adhesive paper folded in two to make a tab.
- Glue a little gold ribbon at each end.

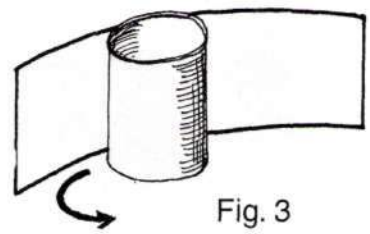


Fig. 3

Bee

- Cut out the bee shape in gold paper following Fig. 1.
- Glue on the coffee beans painted in gold.
- Add the two wings, gluing them only at the top. Glue a bee on the cigarette box and another on the matchbox; try to make the wings stick out.

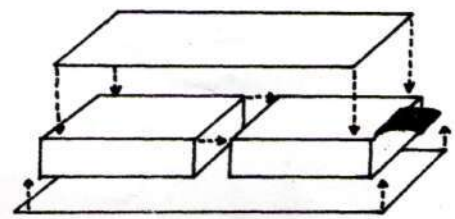
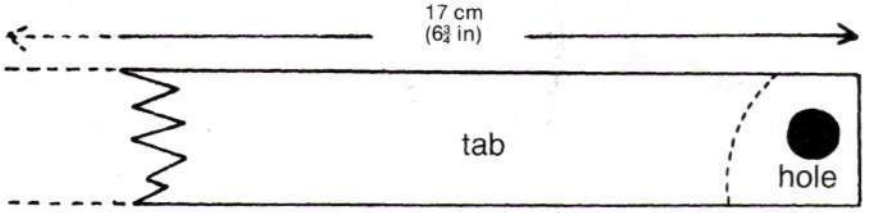


Fig. 4

Rabbit with a Carrot

You will need

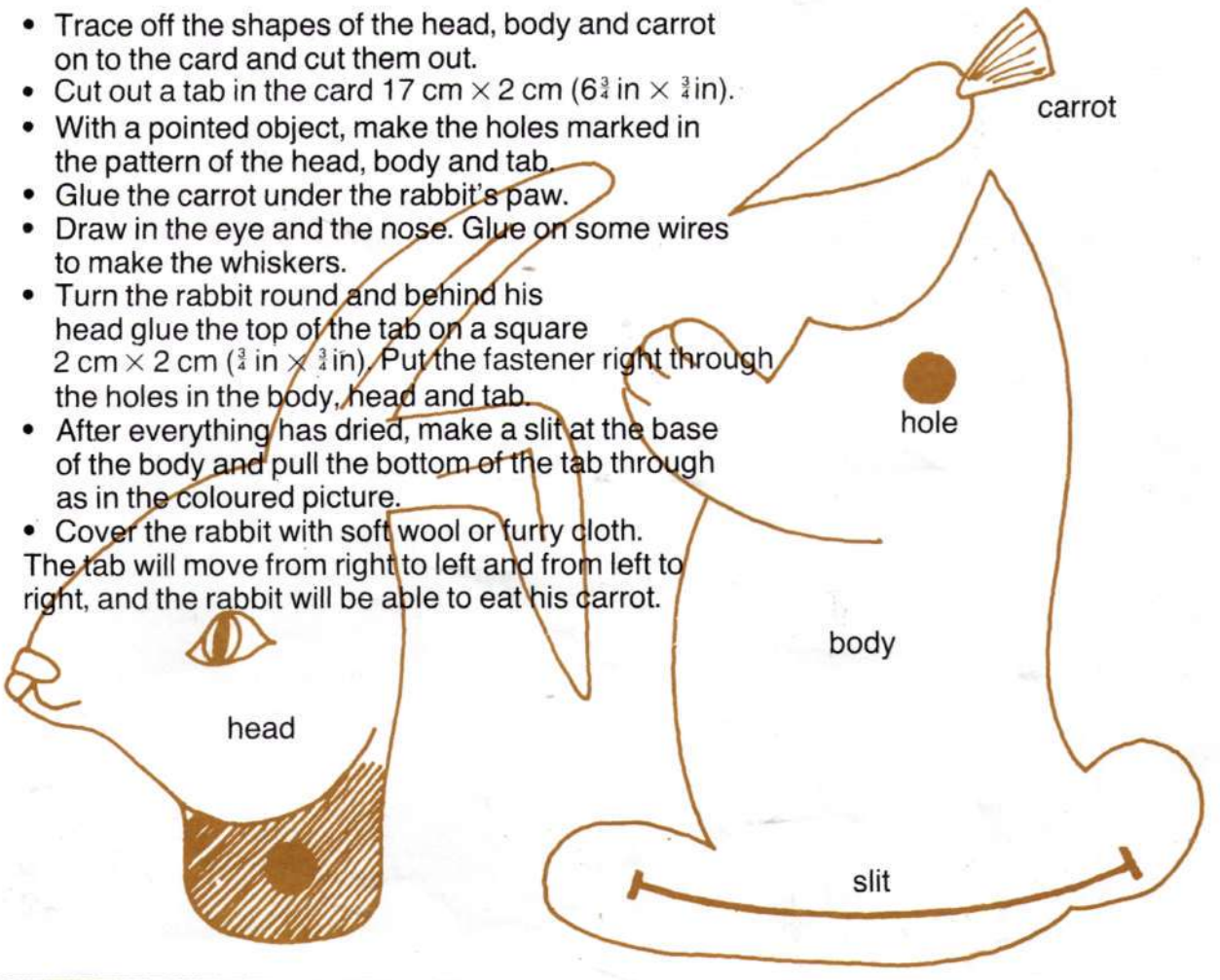
- Thin card
- Soft wool or fur cloth
- Paints
- Brass paper fastener
- Thin wire
- Glue

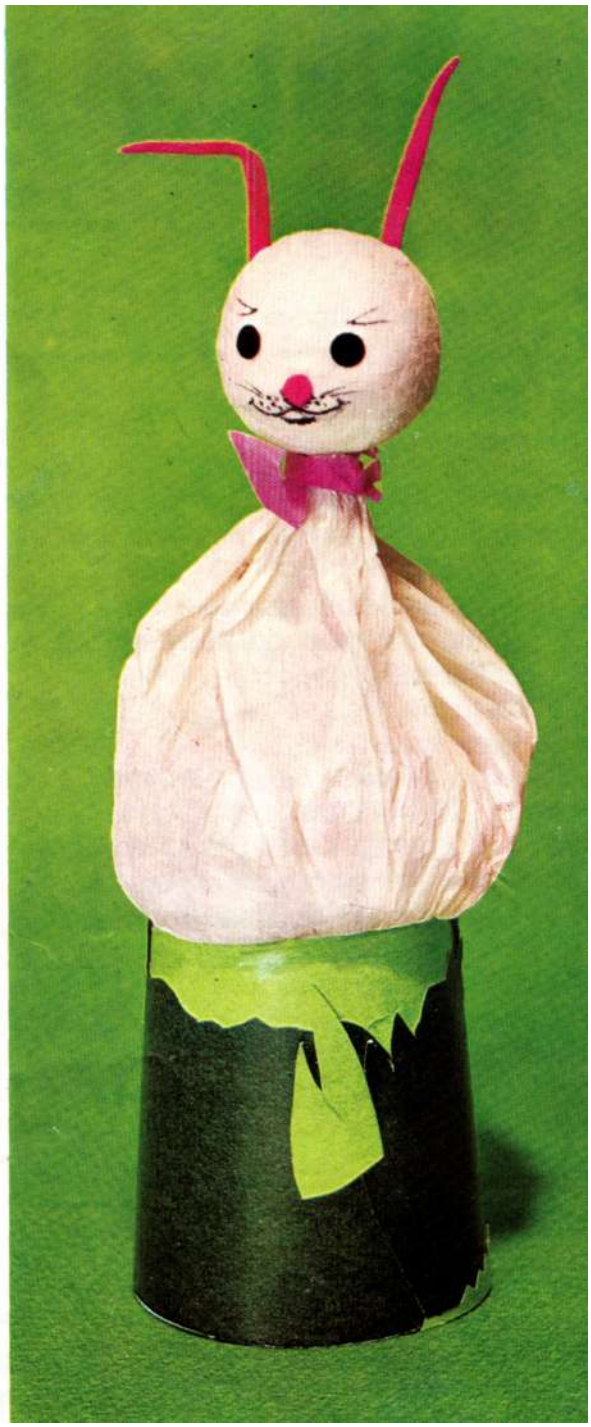


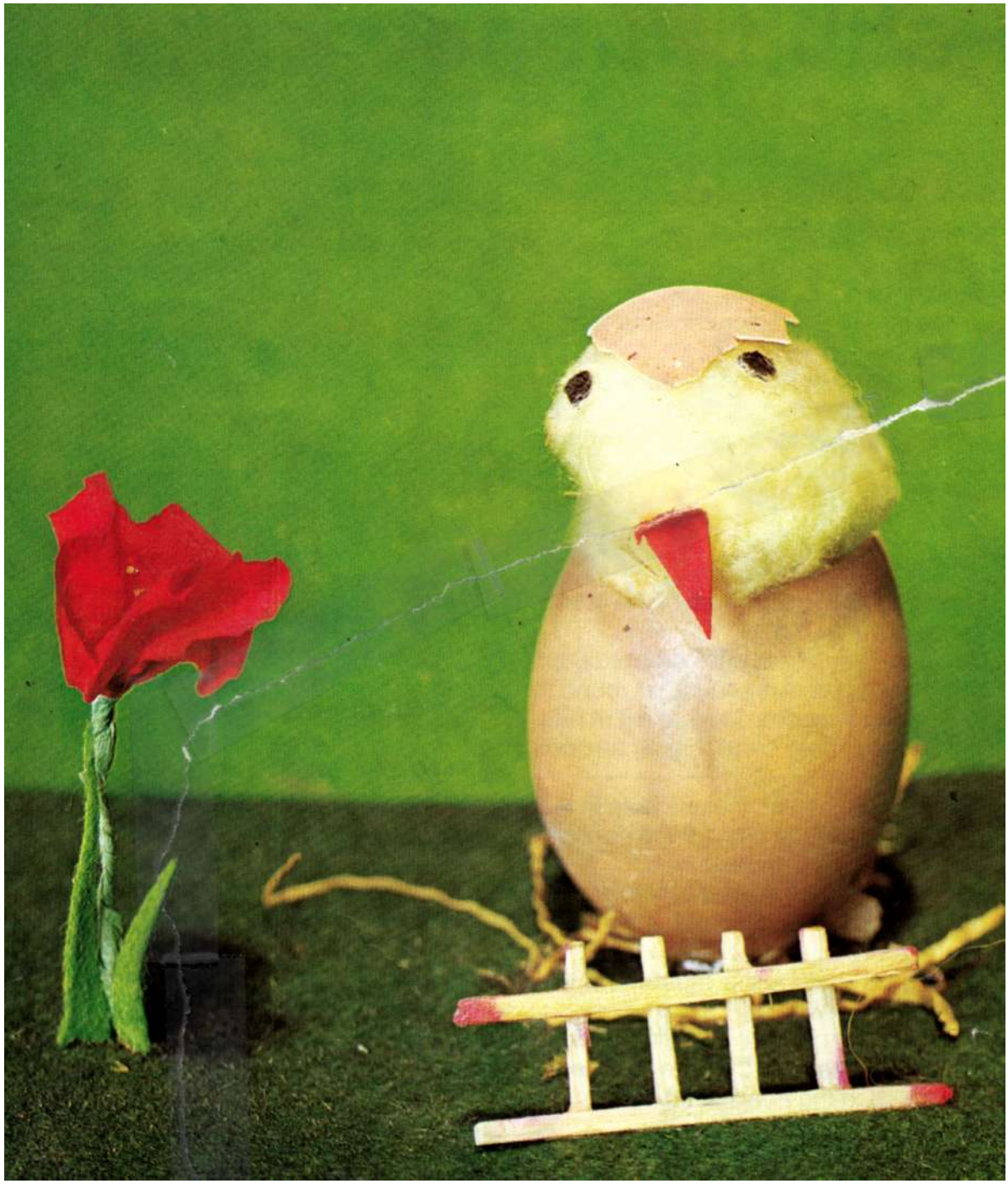
Instructions

- Trace off the shapes of the head, body and carrot on to the card and cut them out.
- Cut out a tab in the card 17 cm × 2 cm (6¾ in × ¾ in).
- With a pointed object, make the holes marked in the pattern of the head, body and tab.
- Glue the carrot under the rabbit's paw.
- Draw in the eye and the nose. Glue on some wires to make the whiskers.
- Turn the rabbit round and behind his head glue the top of the tab on a square 2 cm × 2 cm (¾ in × ¾ in). Put the fastener right through the holes in the body, head and tab.
- After everything has dried, make a slit at the base of the body and pull the bottom of the tab through as in the coloured picture.
- Cover the rabbit with soft wool or furry cloth.

The tab will move from right to left and from left to right, and the rabbit will be able to eat his carrot.







Rabbit Puppet

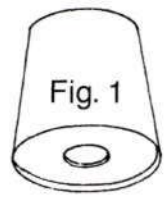
You will need

- Cardboard yogurt container
- Paints
- Rubber band
- Some strong thread or very fine wire
- A ping-pong ball
- Strong paper or felt for the ears and the nose
- Crêpe paper or thin cloth 30 cm × 12 cm ($11\frac{3}{4}$ in × $4\frac{3}{4}$ in)
- Coloured paper to cover the container
- Felt pen
- Glue

Instructions

- Make a hole at the bottom of the container for the pencil to go in (Fig. 1).
- Cover the container with coloured paper (Fig. 2).
- Wrap the piece of crêpe paper round the container and gather it together to make it fit (Fig. 3).
- Put on the rubber band (Fig. 3) and pull the paper above (Fig. 4).
- With a sharp object, make a hole in the ping-pong ball, and insert the point of the pencil. Put glue around the join.
- Cut out the ears in paper or felt, using the pattern (Fig. 5) and cut a circle for the nose. Glue in position on the ball.
- Draw on the eyes, the mouth and the whiskers with a felt pen.
- Tie the crêpe paper very tightly under the head with the strong thread or the wire (it is best to make a little notch in the pencil first). A thin strip of paper or ribbon will hide the join.

When you pull on the pencil, the rabbit will disappear into his hole.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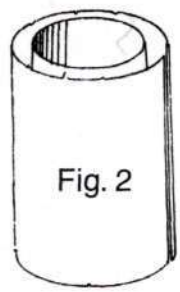
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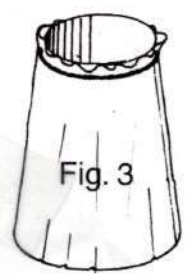
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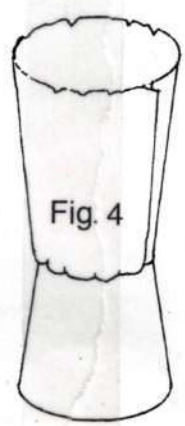
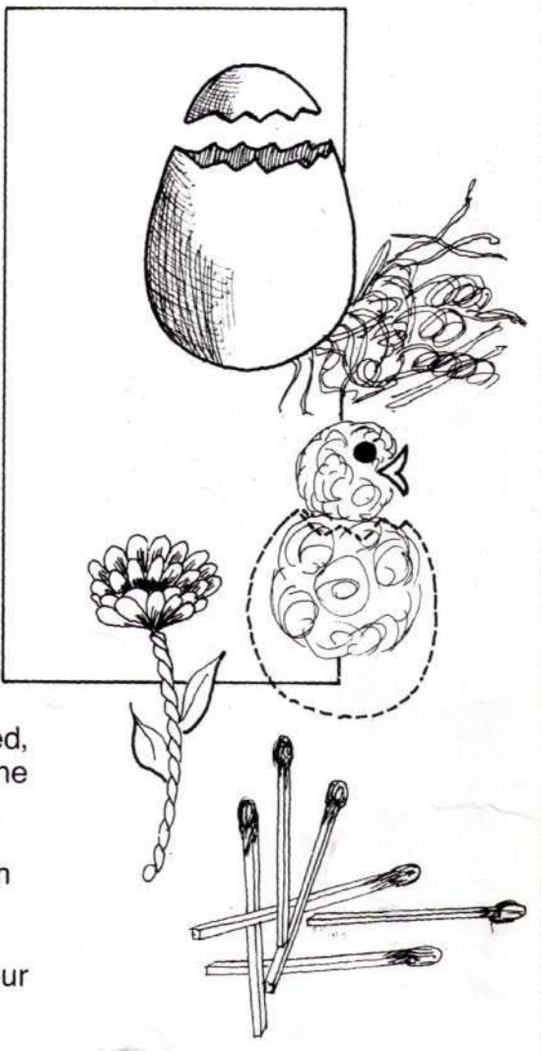


Fig. 4

Chick

You will need

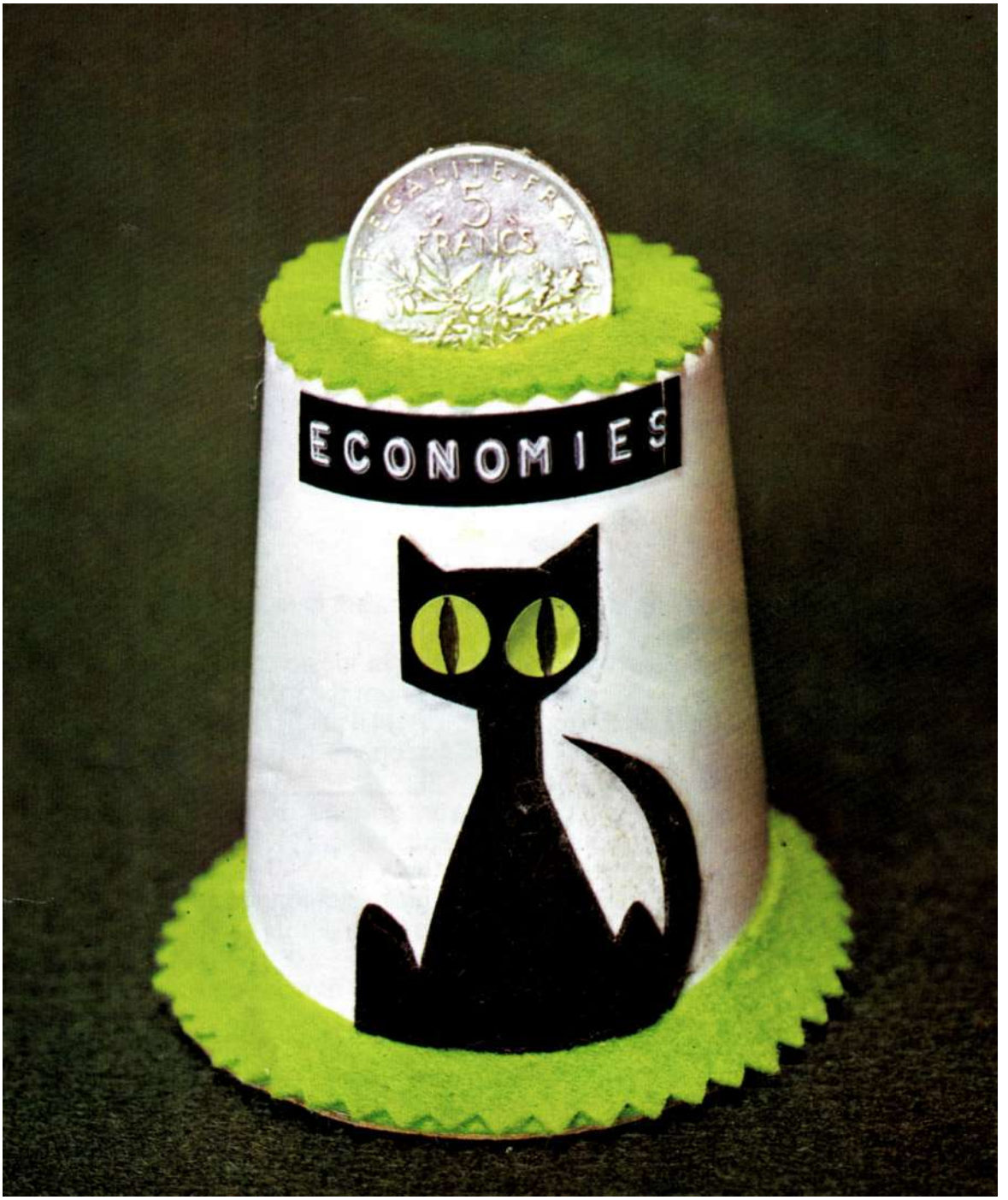
- A rectangle of card covered with paper or felt
- An empty egg shell (eat your boiled egg carefully!)
- Two balls of yellow cotton wool
- A little straw or wool
- Orange paper (for the beak)
- Black paper (for the eyes)
- A flower made of crêpe paper and wire (or a pipe-cleaner)
- Some matches to make a fence



Instructions

- Wash the two parts of the egg shell thoroughly and let them dry.
- Put the two cotton wool balls in the shell, as shown in the diagram.
- Glue the eyes and the beak on the top ball.
- Glue a piece of shell on the chick's head (the little 'hat' of the egg).
- On the rectangle of card which you have covered, glue a little straw (to make the nest), then glue the shell placed upright as in the coloured picture.
- Make the flower. The diagram will help you.
- Make a small hole in the card and push the stem through.
- Glue on the match stick fence.

If you want to make the chick stronger, you can pour a little liquid plaster inside the shell.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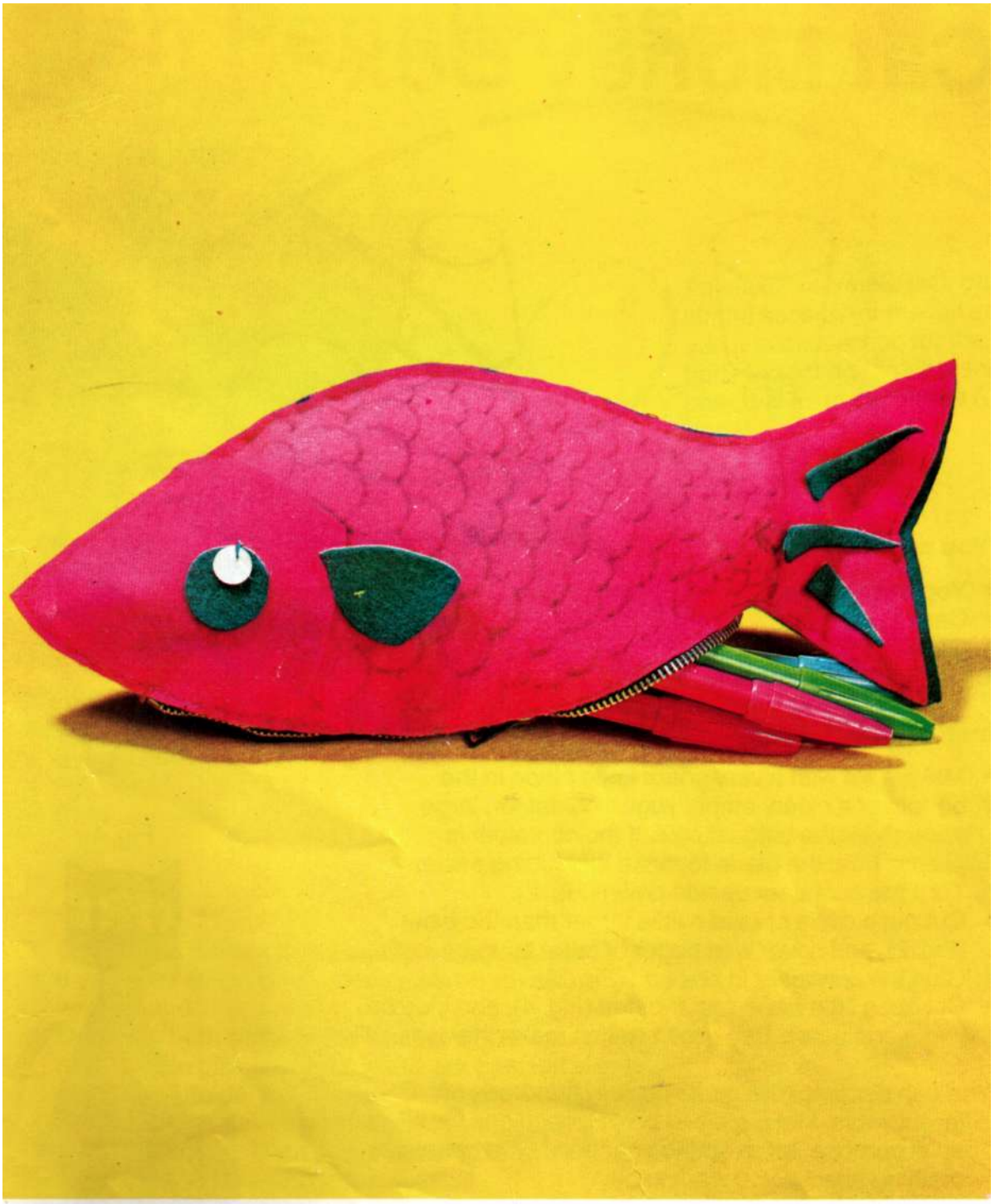


Cat Money Box

Fig. 1

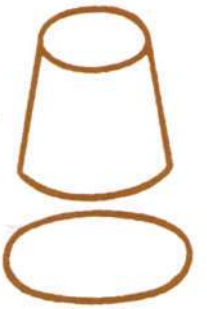


Fig. 2

Fig. 3

You will need

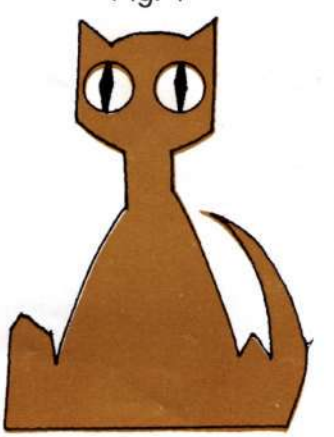
- Yogurt container
- Card
- Glue
- Coloured felt or paper

Instructions

- Make a slit with a very sharp knife blade in the bottom of a clean, empty yogurt container, large enough for the biggest coin. If the container is plastic, heat the blade to make the cutting easier.
- Turn the container upside down (Fig. 2).
- Cut out a circle of card a little larger than the base (Fig. 2), and cover with paper or felt.
- Glue the container in position (Fig. 3).
- Cut out a little cat in paper or felt (Fig. 4), and glue on to the container. Two green circles make the eyes.

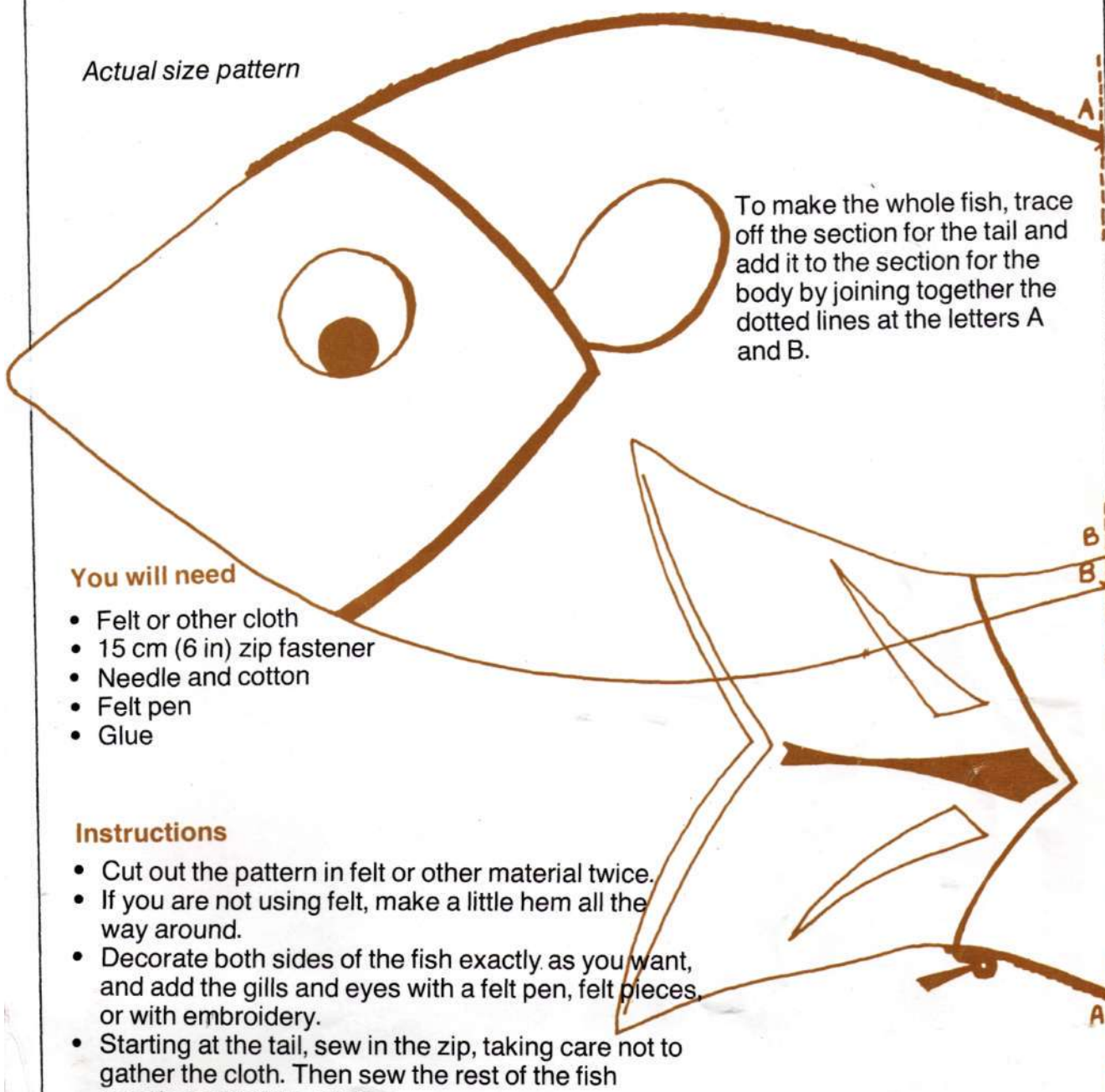
You can decorate the money box in hundreds of different ways. Make several boxes, each one for a special purpose, for example your holiday, presents, or something special you want to buy.

Fig. 4



Fish Pencil-case

Actual size pattern



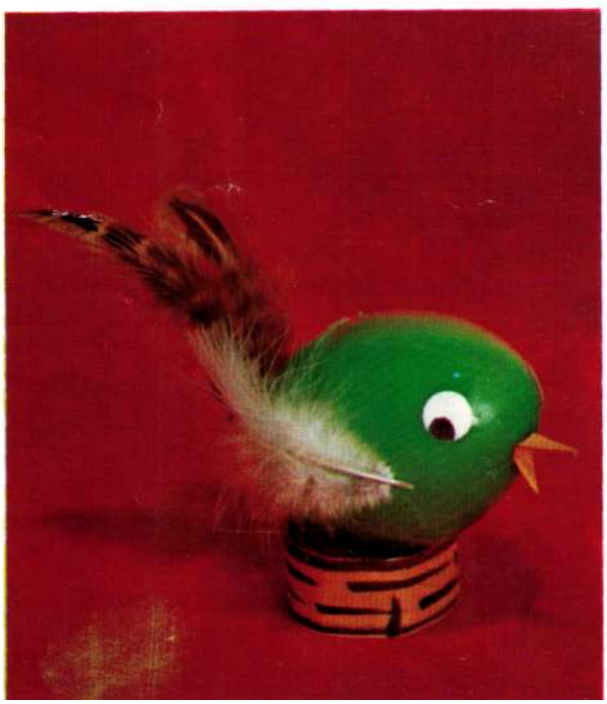
To make the whole fish, trace off the section for the tail and add it to the section for the body by joining together the dotted lines at the letters A and B.

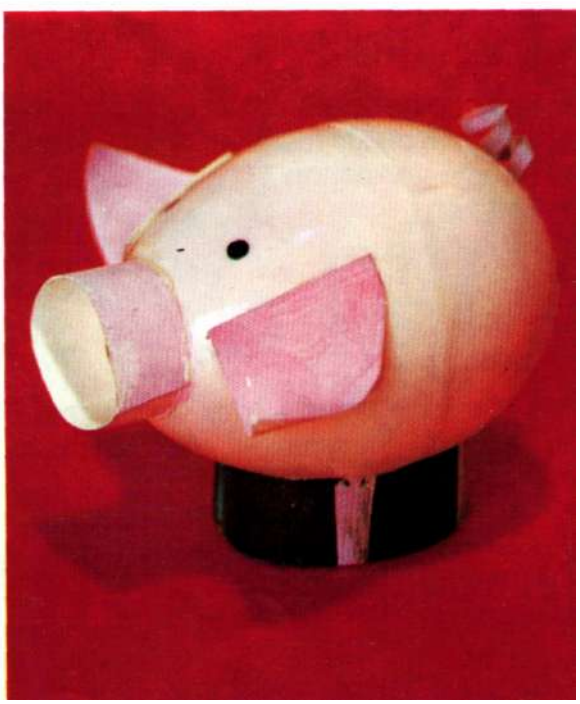
You will need

- Felt or other cloth
- 15 cm (6 in) zip fastener
- Needle and cotton
- Felt pen
- Glue

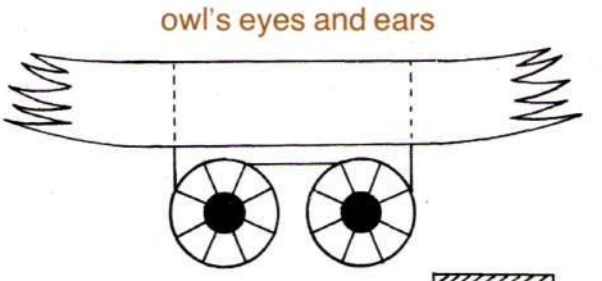
Instructions

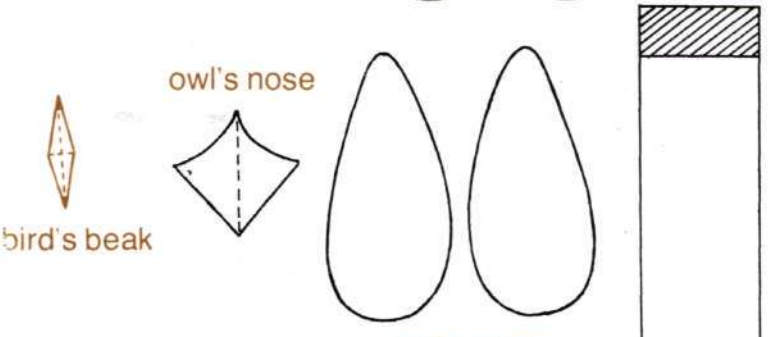
- Cut out the pattern in felt or other material twice.
- If you are not using felt, make a little hem all the way around.
- Decorate both sides of the fish exactly as you want, and add the gills and eyes with a felt pen, felt pieces, or with embroidery.
- Starting at the tail, sew in the zip, taking care not to gather the cloth. Then sew the rest of the fish together with little stitches.

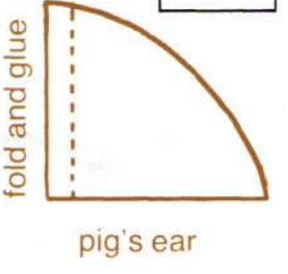




Animals from eggs







You will need

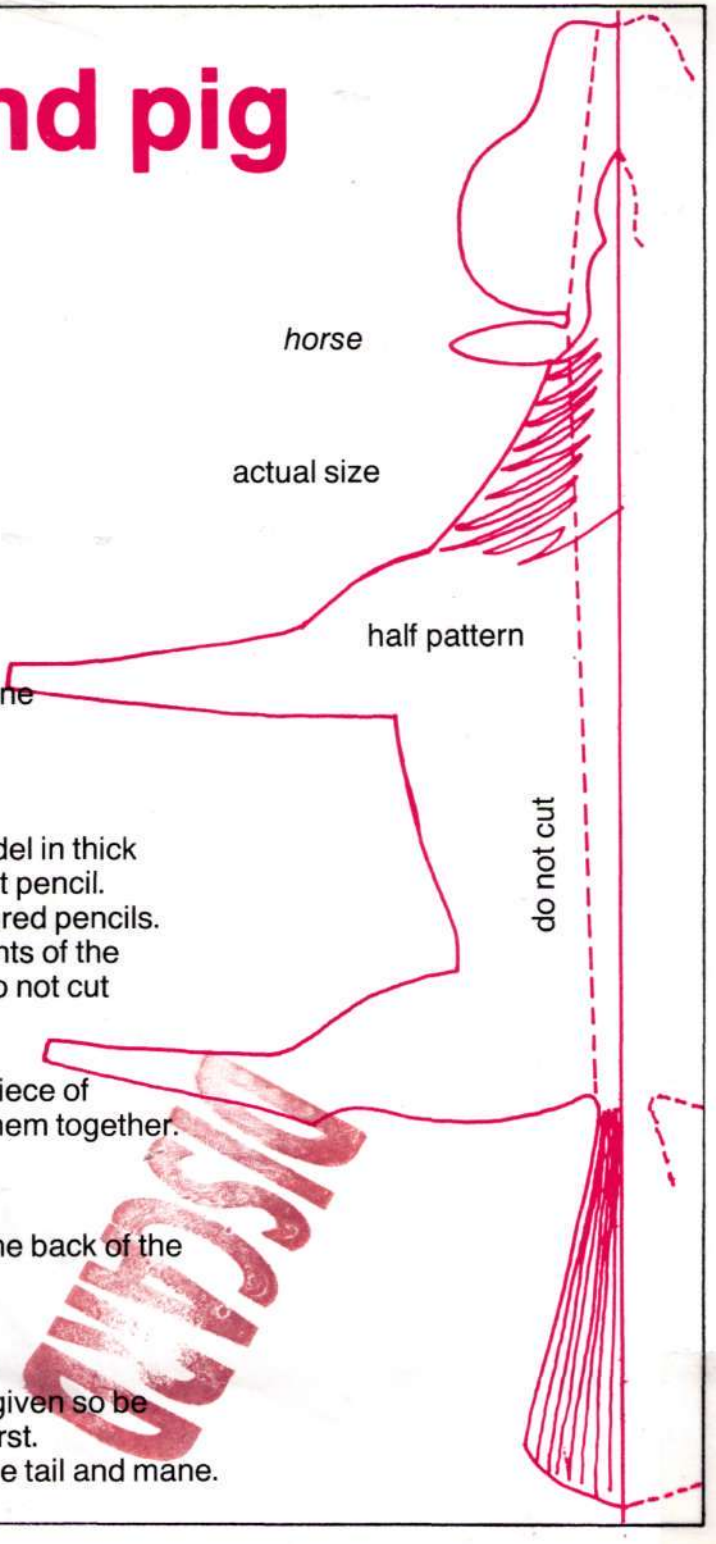
- Empty egg shell or a plaster, wood or plastic egg
- Stiff paper
- Paint if necessary (Use special paint for plastic)
- Little pieces of paper, felt, feathers, according to the animal being made
- Glue

Instructions

- Cut a strip of stiff paper 11 cm × 1·5 cm (4½ in × ½ in) (see diagram) to make a little cylinder on which the egg can be placed, either in an upright position or at an angle, according to the shape you want.
- Glue the egg on to this base.
- Paint if necessary.
- Cut out and glue on the different parts. The colour pictures will help you.

Starting in this way, you will be able to make hundreds of different animals with an egg.

A sheep and pig and horse



You will need

- Tracing paper
- Strong paper or thin card
- Scissors and a ruler
- Paints or coloured pencils
- White wool for the sheep and brown for the horse's tail and mane
- Glue

Instructions

- Trace the pattern and cut out the model in thick paper marking the dotted lines in faint pencil.
- Colour the model with paints or coloured pencils.
- With the help of a ruler, press the points of the scissors along the dotted lines, but do not cut through.
- Fold and place upright.

If the legs tend to spread apart, a little piece of adhesive tape placed inside will keep them together.

For the Sheep

- Glue the bits of wool one by one on the back of the animal.

For the Horse

- Only half the pattern for the horse is given so be careful to make a *complete* pattern first.
- Glue on bits of wool one by one for the tail and mane.

SPECIMEN

A collection of models, pictures and presents